
Annex Update

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Space Planning and Surveys Well Underway, Design and Concept Selection Workshops Scheduled

The courthouse Annex and renovation project is off to a quick start. Already, a number of specialized consultants working for Smith, Hinchman & Grylls have been in the building to conduct survey work for the Annex and renovation design. Hazardous materials consultants, historic preservation consultants, elevator consultants, fire safety consultants and more have been through the courthouse to review conditions in the existing building and to determine the extent and nature of the renovations that will be needed. Additional surveys will be ongoing throughout the winter.

Space planning and programming for the Annex and renovation project are also underway. The purpose of the space planning process is to confirm space planning data gathered as part of the Prospectus Development Study (PDS) and to identify any minor adjustments to space plans that may be needed to address changes in circumstances since

the completion of the PDS. As a first step, the space planners have completed initial interviews with all of the units that have been allocated space in the Annex or renovated courthouse. As a second step, over the next few weeks, each unit will complete a detailed space need survey and will discuss its survey responses with the space planners responsible for the Annex project.

Three "Design Workshops" have been scheduled at which the architect will discuss ideas for the Annex with the General Services Administration, the Chief Judges, and designated court representatives. Through the workshop process, the architect will develop three equally viable concepts for the Annex and renovation project. This process will culminate with the Concept Selection Workshop on March 9, 1998 at which Michael Graves will present the three concepts for the courts' consideration. All judges, managers, and staff are

strongly encouraged to attend the Concept Selection Workshop and to offer the Chief Judges their views on the proposed concepts.

The Annex viewing room in Room 4816 is now open (you will need a lattice door key to get in). Materials on Michael Graves and Smith, Hinchman & Grylls are available, along with a copy of the scope of work for the Annex and renovation design phase. As additional materials are generated, they will be put on display as well. A computer is set up in the viewing room on which a database of documents, meetings, and decisions/actions regarding the Annex project can be reviewed and searched. Anyone wishing to see materials listed on the database, but not on display in Room 4816, should contact his or her Chief Judge about obtaining a copy of the relevant materials.

***Concept Selection Workshop
Monday, March 9, 1998
4:00 p.m.
Ceremonial Courtroom***
